



“God stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the gods... I have said, “You are gods; and all of you are children of the Most High.” Psalm 82:1, 6

Elohim is the first of the various names the Scriptures give to Deity. “It is a plural noun in form, but is singular in meaning when it refers to the true God.”¹ And we see in Genesis 2:7 that it is Yahweh Elohim that forms man out of the dust of the earth and forms him, at that, in His own image. (Genesis 1:26; 2:7). Therefore we see that Yahweh Elohim, the infinite Being alone that He is, stands in the midst of the congregation of the mighty – the elohim, and He judges among the elohim – the gods – His creation.

What is it that we as humans are then? What unimaginable destiny awaits us as the children of God? Bearing His image and His very genetic code has forever marked us. But this is not enough, is it? To have been created in His image is not enough to realize the destiny that awaits us. Because of Adam’s rebellion, Man – the offspring – the elohim of Yahweh God has fallen, never to know the awaiting glories of eternity only the terrors of hell! “It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in nightmare.”²

The born again experience – the repentance, the acknowledging of Jesus Christ as Lord, the relationship to Him personally, recreates within the heart of the sinner a new creature made in the image once again of Elohim. This recreation then allows us to now stand in His presence uncondemned and unashamed, for we are now both the created and recreated (or born again), children of God!

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ... “The creation is awaiting the manifestation of the sons of God.” (Romans 8:14-17a, 19)

¹ Schofield Study Bible notes on Genesis 1:1

² C.S. Lewis from ‘The Weight of Glory’, *Theology*.

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